

Application No.: 09/989,214
Amendment dated February 27, 2004
Reply to Office Action of December 30, 2003

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. In the outstanding Office Action, which was made Final, the examiner rejected claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

With regard to the rejections of claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2, applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presently amended overcome the rejections. The examiner's indication that claims 1 through 15 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under Section 112, second paragraph, is noted with appreciation.

In light of the foregoing, the prompt issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the examiner have any questions, she is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned.

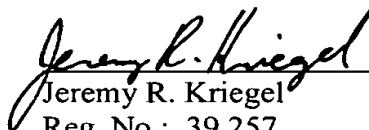
It is believed that no fees are necessary in connection with this Amendment After Final. However, in the event any fees are due, kindly charge the cost thereof to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

Respectfully submitted,

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